

Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash that occurred late last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:54 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 as a 2018 Kenworth T880 truck tractor hauling a tanker trailer, operated by a 48-year-old Georgetown man was traveling southbound on Coastal Highway, in the right travel lane approaching the intersection of Miller Road. The intersection is controlled by a traffic signal which was green for southbound traffic. A 2000 Ford Ranger pickup, operated by a 63-year-old man of Lewes, was traveling eastbound on Miller Road and stopped for a red traffic signal located at the intersection of Coastal Highway. For unknown reasons the operator of the Ford Ranger pickup entered into the intersection directly into the path of the truck tractor. The operator of the truck was unable to avoid a collision and the front bumper of the truck impacted the left side of pickup truck in the right travel lane of southbound Coastal Highway. After impact, the Ranger pickup truck traveled in a southwesterly direction, while rotating clockwise where it exited the roadway and came to an uncontrolled stop partially on the sidewalk along the west edge of the highway. Following the impact, the operator of the tractor trailer pulled his vehicle onto the shoulder of southbound Coastal Highway and came to a controlled stop.

Alcohol and or drugs are not a factor on behalf of truck tractor and there is no indication that the operator of the Ranger pickup was impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Operator of the tractor trailer was not injured.

Operator of the Range pickup was transported to Beebe Medical Center where he was treated for serious injuries and was later transported to Christiana Hospital.

Two southbound lanes of Coastal Highway were closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared. One lane remained open.

The crash continues to remain under investigation.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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